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BOOK NOTICES.

Handbook of the Law of Partnership. By William George, of the St. Paul Bar. Law sheep, 618 pp. West Publishing Company, St. Paul, Minn., 1897.

Mr. George has succeeded, we think, in accomplishing the difficult task of reducing the somewhat intangible law of Partnership to a series of concrete propositions. His style is clear and forcible, and his arguments on doubtful points are logical and convincing. A new feature is introduced in the typographical form of the foot-notes, the names of the States from whose reports cases are cited being printed in large letters, so that the value of the book as a digest of the law in the different States is increased.

The Historical Development of Code Pleading in America and England. By Charles M. Hepburn of the Cincinnati Bar. Cloth, 334 pp. W. H. Anderson & Company, Cincinnati, O., 1897.

The author sets forth in a very interesting and instructive manner the different steps in the reforming process which has been employed in respect to the cumbersome common law pleading. The book covers the present codes of all the States and is very complete and accurate.

A Treatise on the American Law of Guardianship. By J. G. Woerner, author of "The American Law of Administration." Law sheep, 581 pp. Little, Brown & Company, Boston, 1897.

The law of guardianship has been treated to some extent by text writers on domestic relations and kindred subjects, but always as a mere division or section of the main subject. Mr. Woerner's work is the first, we believe, to deal exclusively with the care of minors and persons of unsound mind. This branch of the law is discussed as it is administered in courts of probate in the United States, and the trend of the whole volume is toward the concrete and practical rather than the abstract and theoretical. It is thus a valuable manual for the practitioner, while it is complete and exhaustive enough to serve as an admirable reference work. Many of the statements of legal principles are founded upon the writer's own experience and their truth and accuracy has therefore been proven.